MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The necessity for a vaidyasala in a particular place as well as the seniority of the recognised vaidian concerned all these things are considered in giving grants to vaidyasalas.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP. May I know whether budgetary grants will be made for an Ayurveda Vaidyasalas even without considering the importance or necessity for a particular locality?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Supposing there are two places where grant-in-aid vaidyasalas have to be opened. The points that will be considered are which locality is in greater and whether the person is a recognised vaidyan Other things being equal, those who satisfy the above conditions will be preferred to others who do not.

Electricity.

260 * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they could supply electricity to the southern taluks?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Under the present conditions due to the war and the consequent difficulty in getting the necessary materials for the extension of the lines, the supply of power to places south of Trivandrum cannot be taken up now.

Electric Current Rates.

261 * **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the rate per unit at which electric current from the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works is being sold to the K. D. H. P. Company, Munnar and the recently started Aluminium Factory at Alwaye?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: The tariff for the supply of power to Messrs. K. D. H. P. Company is given in a * statement laid on the table. In regard to the tariff relating to the Aluminium Factory the member is referred to the answer to question No. 148 (*b*) at the meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly on 26th March 1942.

Supply of electricity for Cochin.

262 * **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any agreement with the Cochin Government for the supply of electricity from Pallivasal; and

(*b*) if so, the terms of the agreement?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: (*a*) No formal agreement has so far been executed with the Cochin Government.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthigapalli*): In answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether any informal agreement has been executed?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: An informal understanding has been reached.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the nature of that informal understanding?

* *Vide* Appendix I, Page No. 552.

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